# APPLICATION FOR THE CLEAN OHIO CONSERVATION FUND SUMMARY SHEET

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APPLICANT: Hamilton County F	Park District CODE # 061-02037
DISTRICT NUMBER: 2 COUR	NTY: <u>Hamilton</u> DATE <u>2/28/03</u>
CONTACT: Ross Hamre PH	IONE # <u>(513) 728-3551, Ext. 256</u>
FAX: (513) 521-2896	E-MAIL rhamre@greatparks.org
PROJECT NAME: Hensley Tract A	cquisition
ELIGIBLE APPLICANT (Check Only 1) A. County (1) B. City (2)	PROJECT TYPE (Check Largest Component) _X_A. Open Space (7)
<ul><li>C. Township (3)</li><li>D. Village (4)</li><li>E. Conservancy District (6)</li></ul>	B. Riparian Corridor (8)
F. Soil & Water	PRIMARY PROJECT EMPHASIS 4
Conservation District (7)  G. Joint Recreational District (8)  H. Park District/Authority (9)  I. Nonprofit Organization (10)  J. Other (11)	(Choose a category from Attachment A which most closely describes our primary project emphasis.)
ESTIMATED TOTAL PROJECT COST (from 1.1f): \$ 117,600. NRAC APPROVAL - To be complet	CLEAN OHIO CONSERVATION  OO FUNDING REQUESTED: (from 1.2e) \$ 69,384.00 red by the NRAC Committee ONLY
GRANT: \$	
FO	R OPWC USE ONLY
PROJECT NUMBER:	APPROVED FUNDING: \$
Local Participation	
Clean Ohio Fund Participation	•

## 1.0 PROJECT FINANCIAL INFORMATION

1.1	PROJECT ESTIMATED COSTS: (Round to Nearest Dollar)	TOTAL DOLLARS In Dol. (See definition in instructions.)	
a.)	Acquisition Expenses: Conservation Easement Purchase \$108,750.0 Easement Purchase \$ Other Earnest Money \$0	\$108,750.00	<b>98</b> 11
b.)	Planning and Implementation:  Appraisal \$ 2,000.00  Closing Costs \$  Title Search \$  Environmental  Assessments \$ 950.00  Survey \$ 4,400.00  Other Eligible  Costs \$ 1,500.00		
c.)	Construction or Enhancement of Facilities:	\$	
d.)	Permits, Advertising, Legal:	\$	
e.)	Contingencies: (not to exceed 10% of total costs)	\$	<b></b>
f.)	TOTAL ESTIMATED COSTS:	\$ <u>117,600.00</u>	

1.2	PROJECT FINANCIAL RESOURCES: (Round to Nearest Dollar and Percent)		
	, and a creating	DOLLARS	%
a.)	In-Kind Contributions	\$	
	(Please define)		
b.)	Applicant Contributions (Local Funds)	\$ 48,216.00	41%
c.)	Other Public Revenues Nature Works Land Water Conservation Fund Ohio Environmental Protection Agency Ohio Water Development Authority Community Development Block Grant Ohio Department of Natural Resources OTHER	\$ .00 \$ .00 \$ .00 \$ .00 \$ .00	
		\$00_	
d.)	Private Contributions	\$00	
SUE	BTOTAL LOCAL RESOURCES:	\$_48,216.00	
e.)	CLEAN OHIO CONSERVATION FUND:	\$69,384.00	59%
	Funds from another NRAC	\$	
SUE	BTOTAL CLEAN OHIO RESOURCES:	\$ 69,384.00	
f.)	TOTAL FINANCIAL RESOURCES:	\$117,600.00	100%
1.3	AVAILABILITY OF LOCAL FUNDS:		
Pleas	se list any partnership with other sources. (i.e.; is	this part of a larger pro	ect or plan):
The (	Cincinnati Park Board will manage the property a	after acquisition by HCI	PD.
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		Table 1	

## 2.0 PROJECT INFORMATION

If the project is multi-jurisdictional, information must be consolidated in this section.

- X Please check here if additional documentation is attached.
- 2.1 BRIEF PROJECT DESCRIPTION (Sections A through E):

A: SPECIFIC LOCATION: Please attach a map.

PROJECT COUNTY: Hamilton PROJECT ZIP CODE: 45223

B: PROJECT COMPONENTS: Please describe the various project components.

C: PROJECT EMPHASIS AS DEFINED BY SECTIONS 164.22 (A) (B) OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE AND LISTED IN APPENDIX A: Please describe.

D: DEFINE TERMS OF EASEMENTS: PLEASE REFER TO SECTION 164.26 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE.

## E: INFORMATION REGARDING PUBLIC ACCESS

Where is the access located? Is it open to the general public or are there restrictions? What are the hours of availability? Will the general public be given the opportunity to participate in the planning of the project?

2.2 OWNERSHIP/MANAGEMENT/OPERATION: Please address.

## 2.0 Project Information

## 2.1 Brief Project Description

- A. Specific Location: The proposed project site is located in the City of Cincinnati in central Hamilton County directly north of Kirby Avenue and Felter Taglewood Preserve and south of the Fox Preserve. Both adjoining properties are owned and managed by the Cincinnati Park Board (CPB). There is a home located adjacent to the site at 5300 Kirby Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45223, that is not part of this application. See attached map (Exhibit 1).
- B. <u>Project components</u>: The proposed Clean Ohio project involves the acquisition of approximately 14.5 acres of forested hillside. The Hamilton County Park District (HCPD) will transfer the deed for the 14.5 acres to the CPB, but retain the rights to a permanent conservation easement on the property. A 2000 square foot log cabin located on 1.3 acres is being sold separately and therefore will not be a part of this application.

A large valley with an intermittent stream traverses the middle of the property. The site contains a mature hardwood forest and is likely to have a variety of wild flowers, although at the time of this application, it is not possible to verify. The site has little infestation of Asian honeysuckle, a non-native invasive species. The acquisition of this site would protect and preserve the existing wildlife corridor between the Fox Preserve and Felter Taglewood Preserve.

C. <u>Project Emphasis</u>: The proposed project preserves high quality, viable habitat for plant and animal species, increases habitat protection and preserves or restores other natural features that contribute to quality of life and state's natural heritage. The acquisition of this property also will connect the existing protected greenspace corridors, Fox Preserve to the north, and Felter Tanglewood Preserve to the south of the property. It will also preserve stream side forest and the natural stream channel traversing the site.

The Hensley tract contains mature forest that provides good habitat for wildlife. The majority of the site has a slope equal to or greater than 20%. The site has the following highly erodable soils: Eden silty clay loam(EcE) and eden flaggy silty clay loam (EdF). See soil survey map (Exhibit 2). Preserving this area of land will maintain the environmental integrity of this green space and reduce soil erosion potential.

The proposed project site is adjacent to properties owned by the CPB. Acquisition of the property by the HCPD would protect another portion of the forested hillsides that define the character of this portion of the county and enhance property values in the area.

The proposed 14.5 Hensley property is a highly rated greenspace and is recommended for acquisition in the Cincinnati Parks Greenway Plan.

- D. <u>Define Terms of Easement</u>: The HCPD will include the following language in the deed for the property: Buyer agrees to perpetually keep this property in greenspace for the protection of hillside and forest areas included herein. Potential development of this property will be for providing appropriate access for outdoor recreation and will be limited to improvements that do not harm said areas and will be planned, implemented and managed following best management practices. Buyer agrees that the Deed Restrictions shall be perpetual and shall not be amended, released, extinguished or otherwise modified without the prior written approval of the Director of the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC), at the Directors sole and absolute discretion, who shall have full enforcement authority with respect to the Deed Restrictions. If any amendment, release, extinguishment or other modification of the Deed Restrictions should occur without the prior written approval of the Director, Buyer or its successors and assigns as owner of the Land or interest therein, shall pay to the OPWC upon demand from the Director an amount equal to the greater of: (a) 200 percent (200%) of the Funds disbursed by the OPWC for the Project, together with interest occurring thereon at a rate equal to 6 percent (6%) per annum from the date of disbursement; or (b) 200 percent (200%) of the fair market value of the Project.
- E. <u>Information regarding public access</u>: The Hensley property can be accessed daily and on weekends by Kirby Avenue by vehicle and the Felter Tanglewood Preserve or Fox Preserve by pedestrian access. Pedestrian and vehicular access to the site will be in accordance with the operational management plan prepared by the CPB and approved by the HCPD.
- Ownership/Management/Operation: The HCPD will purchase the property and transfer the deed to the CPB. The HCPD will retain the rights to a conservation easement on the property. The CPB will manage and maintain the property in accordance with their Land Management Handbook. See Exhibit 5.

The CPB and the HCPD are currently collaborating on other recreational projects in the county. The HCPD has successfully completed approximately 100 land acquisitions projects in the last 11 years. The CPB currently owns and manages 34 natural areas totaling approximately 1,380 acres.

The CPB will manage the site for conservation of natural resource purposes with the possibility of limited passive recreation activities such as low impact nature trails, wildlife viewing and nature education programming.

2.3 <u>Purchase Contract:</u> The HCPD has a signed an option agreement with the owner agreeing to sell the Hensley property to the HCPD for the agreed upon amount in this document.

## 3.0 PROJECT SCHEDULE:\*

		BEGIN DATE	END DATE
3.1	Planning and Implementation:	/ /	1 1
3.2	Land Acquisition/Easements:	3/3/03	3/3/04
3.3	Site Improvements:	<del></del>	//

<sup>\*</sup> Failure to meet project schedule may result in termination of agreement for approved projects. Modification of dates must be requested in writing by a project official of record and approved by the commission once the Project Agreement has been executed.

## 4.0 PROJECT OFFICIALS:

4.1	CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER	Jack Sutton
	TITLE	Director
	STREET	10245 Winton Road
	CITY/ZIP	Cincinnati, OH 45231
	PHONE	(513) 521-7275
	FAX	(513) 521-2606
	E-MAIL	jsutton@greatparks.org

4.2	CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER	Don Rudler
	TITLE	Treasurer
	STREET	10245 Winton Road
	CITY/ZIP	Cincinnati, OH 45231
	PHONE	(513) 521-7275
	FAX	(513) 521-2606
	E-MAIL	drudler@greatparks.org

4.3	PROJECT MANAGER TITLE STREET CITY/ZIP PHONE FAX	Ross Hamre Planning Director 10245 Winton Road Cincinnati, OH 45231 (513) 728-3551, ext. 256 (513) 521-2896
	E-MAIL	rhamre@greatparks.org

Changes in Project Officials must be submitted in writing from the CEO or CFO.

## 5.0 ATTACHMENTS/COMPLETENESS REVIEW:

In order that your application may be processed in a timely fashion, please submit your application on  $8 \frac{1}{2}$  by 11 white paper with dark ink so that it may be copied for others. It is understood that some items may not conform to this request such as large maps and photographs. Please feel free to include these items.

Confirm in the blocks [ ] below that each item listed is attached.

- [X] A certified copy of the authorization by the governing body of the applicant authorizing a designated official to sign and submit this application and execute contracts. This individual should sign under 6.0, Applicant Certification, below.
- [X] A certification signed by the applicant's chief financial officer stating <u>all local share</u> funds required for the project will be available on or before the dates listed in the Project Schedule section.
- [X] A formal detailed estimate of the project's costs provided by an architect, landscape architect, or other professional. For land acquisition, an appraisal by a State-certified general real estate appraiser, as defined under ORC 4763 for the type of land being appraised will need to be submitted to the NRAC prior to closing.
- [X] A cooperation agreement (if the project involves more than one entity) which identifies the fiscal and administrative responsibilities of each participant.
- [X] Resolution of Support (Please refer to section 164.23(B)(1) of the Ohio Revised Code for guidance.)
- [X] Identification of any participation by state agencies that will provide to this particular project and that will provide assistance with respect to the project.
- [X] Information concerning the coordination of the project among local political subdivisions, state agencies, federal agencies, community organizations, conservation organizations, and local business groups.
- [X] Supporting Documentation: Materials such as additional project description, photographs, and/or other information to assist your NRAC in ranking your project. Be sure to include supplements which may be required by your *local* NRAC.
- [X] Have you reviewed your NRAC's methodology to see that you have addressed all components?

## 6.0 APPLICANT CERTIFICATION:

The undersigned certifies: (1) he/she is legally authorized to request and accept financial assistance from the Ohio Public Works Commission; (2) to the best of his/her knowledge and belief, all representations that are part of this application are true and correct; (3) all official documents and commitments of the applicant that are part of this application have been duly authorized by the governing body of the applicant; and, (4) should the requested financial assistance be provided, that in the execution of this project, the applicant will comply with all assurances required by Ohio Law, including those involving Buy Ohio and prevailing wages.

Applicant certifies that the project, as defined in the application, has NOT resulted in any transfer of title or rights to land or begun any type of physical improvements prior to the execution of a Project Agreement with the Ohio Public Works Commission. Action to the contrary will result in termination of the agreement and withdrawal of Ohio Public Works Commission funding.

JACK SUTTON, Director

Original Signature/Date Signed

2/28/03

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## ATTACHMENT A

## PROJECT EMPHASIS

NOTE: IF THE PROJECT HAS MORE THAN ONE EMPHASIS, PLEASE PLACE A "1" IN THE CATEGORY THAT IS THE PRIMARY EMPHASIS, A "2" IN THE CATEGORY WITH SECONDARY EMPHASIS, AND A "3" IN THE CATEGORY WITH THIRD EMPHASIS.

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1. Protects habitat for rare, threatened and endangered species
2 2. Increases habitat protection
3. Reduces or eliminates nonnative, invasive species of plants or animals
1 4. Preserves high quality, viable habitat for plant and animal species
5. Restores 6nd preserves aquatic biological communities
6. Preserves headwater streams
7. Preserves or restores flood plain and stream side forest functions
8. Preserves or restores water quality
7 9. Preserves or restores natural stream channels
10. Preserves or restores functioning flood plains
11. Preserves or restores wetlands
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3 13.Preserves or restores other natural features that contribute to quality of life and state's
natural heritage
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RIPARIAN CORRIDOR
14. Fee simple acquisition of lands to provide access to riparian corridors or watersheds
15. Acquisition of easements for protecting and enhancing riparian corridors or watersheds
16. Reforestation of land
17. Planting vegetation for filtration
18. Incorporates aesthetically pleasing and ecologically informed design
19. Enhances educational opportunities and provides physical links to schools and after
school centers
<u>4</u> 20. Acquisition of connecting corridors
5_21. Supports comprehensive open space planning
22. Provides multiple recreational, economic and aesthetic preservation benefits
23. Allows proper management of areas where safe hunting and trapping may take place in
a manner that will preserve balanced natural ecosystems.
24. Enhances economic development that relies on recreational and ecotourism in areas of
relatively high unemployment and lower incomes

## BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS HAMILTON COUNTY PARK DISTRICT

February 26, 2003

**RESOLUTION NO. 2328** 

## **CLEAN OHIO CONSERVATION PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Board of Park Commissioners of the Hamilton County Park District, desires financial assistance under the Clean Ohio Conservation Program Funds, administered by the Ohio Public Works Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Park Commissioners of the Hamilton County Park District, as follows:

- 1. That the Board of Park Commissioners of the Hamilton County Park District hereby approves filing of applications for the Clean Ohio Conservation Program Funds.
- 2. That Jack Sutton, Director, is hereby authorized and directed to execute and file applications with the Ohio Public Works Commission, to enter into any agreements as may be appropriate and necessary for obtaining this financial assistance, and to provide all information and documentation required in said application for submission to the Ohio Public Works Commission.
- 3. THAT THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS OF THE HAMILTON COUNTY PARK DISTRICT hereby does agree to obligate the funds required to satisfactorily complete the proposed projects and thus become eligible for Clean Ohio Conservation Program financial aid up to 75% of the total project costs.

BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS HAMILTON COUNTY PARK DISTRICT

NANCY R. HAMANT, President

AMES E. BUSHMAN, Vice President

ROBERT A. GOERING, SR., Vice President

ATTEST:

This 26th day of February, 2003

CK SUTTON, Director

## CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER'S CERTIFICATION OF LOCAL FUNDS

February 28, 2003

I, Donald Rudler, Treasurer of the Hamilton County Park District, hereby certify that Hamilton County Park District has the amount of \$48,216.00 in the Land Acquisition Fund and that this amount will be used to pay the applicant revenues for the Hensley Tract Acquisition.

Donald Rudler, Treasurer

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## **Contract to Purchase**



A product of the
CINCINNATI AREA BOARD OF REALTORS®, INC.
Approved by Board Legal Counsel
This is a legally binding contract. If not understood, seek legal advice. For real

-Seller's Initials 415

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CONDITIONS.

Buyer's Initials

\_\_\_\_ Date 2/24/03

Seller's Initials 4 Date  $\frac{2/27/63}{}$ 

	8. PERSONAL PROPERTY: Also included are the following items of personal property: WWW. REFRICERATOR
**	Seller certifies that Seller owns all of the above-personal property included in the sale and that they will be free and clear of any debt, lien or encumbrance at Closing except Seller further certifies that all of the above personal property included in the sale are and will be operational on the date of possession, except:
	9. SELLER'S CERTIFICATION: Seller certifies to Buyer that to the best of Seller's knowledge: (a) the Real Estate is zone (d) is is not subject to a homeowner association charter established by recorded declaration with mandatory membership, (e) is is not subject to a homeowner association assessment, (f) is in it is not subject to a maintenance agreement, (g) is in it is not located in a flood plain, and, (h) not city, County, or State orders have been served upon Seller requiring work to be done or improvements performed exceptions.
	that, to the best of Seller's knowledge, there are no encroachments, shared driveways, party walls, except:
	10. Sex Offender Registration and Notification Laws: In Ohio and Kentucky, sex offenders are required to notify sheriff's offices when they move into the area. Information regarding said notification may be obtained by contacting the local sheriff's office in Ohio or Kentucky. Buyers are relying on their own inquiry with the local sheriff's office as to registered sex offenders in the area and are not relying on the Seller or any REALTOR® involved in the transaction.
	Buyer(s) elect to research the presence of sex offenders residing in the area. Buyer(s) shall have calendar days following written Contract acceptance to research said information. If Buyer(s) discover the existence of a registered sex offender living in the area, Buyer(s) shall notify the listing firm in writing and the Buyer(s) shall retain the option to void the contract. If written notification is not provided within the research period, then Buyer(s) shall be deemed to be satisfied and the contingency will be considered waived.
	Buyer(s) waive the right to a research period of the presence of sex offenders residing in the area.
	11. HOMEOWNER ASSOCIATION/CONDOMINIUM DECLARATIONS, BYLAWS AND ARTICLES: If the Real Estate is subject to a Homeowner Association Declaration or is a Condominium, Seller will provide Buyer with a current copy of the Association Declaration, the Bylaws and the Articles of Incorporation and other pertinent documents as requested on or before
	12. PROPERTY DISCLOSURE FORM: Buyer has D has not received the state-mandated property disclosure form.
	13. MAINTENANCE: Until physical possession is delivered to the Buyer, Seller shall continue to maintain the Real Estate, as described in Section 7, including the grounds and improvements thereon, in good condition. Seller shall repair or replace any appliances and/or equipment currently in normal operating condition that fail prior to possession. Seller further agrees that until physical possession is delivered to the Buyer, the Real Estate will be in as good condition as it is presently except for normal wear and casualty damage from perils insurable under a standard all risk policy. If, prior to Closing, the Real Estate is damaged or destroyed by fire or other casualty and the Real Estate is not repaired or restored by and at Seller's cost as it was prior to the damage or destruction, then Buyer has the option to terminate this Contract by written notice to Seller. While this Contract is pending, Seller shall not change any existing lease or enter into any new lease, nor make any substantial alterations or repairs without the written consent of the Buyer. Buyer and Seller agree that Buyer shall be provided the opportunity to conduct a walk-through inspection of the Real Estate within 48 hours prior to closing, solely for the purpose of ascertaining that the Real Estate is in substantially the same condition as it was at the time the Contract was executed, subject to reasonable wear and tear. Upon Closing, Buyer shall become responsible for any risk of loss and for insurance for the Real Estate.
N STATE OF W	4. BEAL ESTATE INSPECTION CONTINGENCY: For purposes of this clause, time is of the essence. The Buyer has the obtains to have the Real Estate inspected at Buyer's expense. If the Buyer obtains an inspection of the Real Estate, on or before selendar days "inspection Period") following written Contract acceptance and if the inspection reveals a material defect(s) and Buyer wants to request corrections, Buyer has the correction of the material defect(s) along with the relevant portion(s) of the inspection report(s) and the corrections desired to the condition of the notice, Buyer and Seller shall have the reachest in the Settlement Period in the Real Estate. If settlement is not reachest in the Settlement Period, then this Contract shall be null and void. For purposes of this paragraph, "material defects" do not include minor, routing aintenance items.
I	Buyer is satisfied with the results of the inspection(s), then Buyer is to deliver written notification to (Listing Firm) within the Inspection Period stating Buyer's satisfaction with the report(s) and waiver of the inspection contingency.
0 18	BUYER DOES NOT DELIVER WRITTEN NOTIFICATION OF MATERIAL DEFECTS AND CORRECTIONS DESIRED, THEN BUYER SHALL BE DEEMED TO BE SATISFIED WITH THE INSPECTION REPORT AND THE CONTINGENCY SHALL BE CONSIDERED WAIVED. IF BUYER DOES NOT COMPLETE THE REAL ESTATE INSPECTION DURING THE INSPECTION PERIOD, BUYER'S RIGHT TO INSPECT SHALL BE DEEMED WAIVED. IT INTENT OF THIS PROVISION TO PERMIT THE BUYER TO TERMINATE THIS AGREEMENT FOR COSMETIC OR NON-MATERIAL CONDITIONS.

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# RF. 5300 KIRBY ROAD

#3 SELLER grants BUYER a six-month option to purchase some or all of the Real Estate and Buyer agrees to pay either:

\$254,542.50 for the entire property based upon buyer's appraisal (building at \$152,100 on a 1.35 acre site) and the land at \$7,500 per acre (13.659 acres resulting in a figure of \$102,442.50 for the land with the final acreage to be determined based upon a buyer supplied survey).

OR

\$102,442.50 for the 13.659 acres of land (with the final acreage to be determined based upon a buyer supplied survey) with another third party co-purchaser of the house that may be found by the listing agent, (Deborah Connelly Office: 513-793-2700 Voice Mail: 513-708-3836 Mobile: 513-708-3836 Email: dconnelly@sibcycline.com or another real estate agent as a result of a continued listing on the Multiple Listing Service) during the six months of this option contract, in which case Seller will benefit from any building purchase amount greater than the appraised building value of \$152,100.

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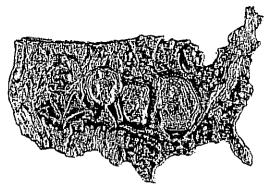


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Phone: 513-922-2600 Fax: 513-922-8311

February 26, 2003

Mr. Rick Johnson Planning Director **HAMILTON COUNTY PARK DISTRICT** 10245 Winton Road Cincinnati, OH 45231

RE:

5300 Kirby Avenue Cincinnati, OH 45223 1.35 + /- Acres (improved 14.06 + /- Acres (unimproved) Plat Book 228, Page 4, Parcel 9

Dear Mr. Johnson:

In accordance with your request, I have inspected and appraised the above referenced property for the purposes of estimating market value. The interest appraised is fee simple.

Attached to this letter you will find a report which states the purpose, identifies the property rights analyzed, defines value, identifies the property, and includes the facts, data, reasoning, certifications, and assumptions and limiting conditions underlying my estimates. This appraisal is an estimate of value for a part of the total property. Taking into account all the pertinent facts that affect value, the Market Value estimate of the subject property, as of January 30, 2003, is as follows:

Residence and 1.35 + /- Acres 14.06 Acres Unimproved Total Value Estimate

\$ 150,000.00

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Respectfully Submitted...

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Gene F. Manion ASA is in conformance with said requirements and, as of the date of this appraisal assignment is a member in good standing.

## Also:

Gene F. Manion is certified as a General Real Estate Appraiser by the State of Ohio - Certificate No. 383256.

That, by reason of my investigation and by virtue of my experience as an appraiser, I have formed the opinion that the pertinent values associated with this project can be stated as follows:

## MARKET VALUE - FEE SIMPLE ESTATE

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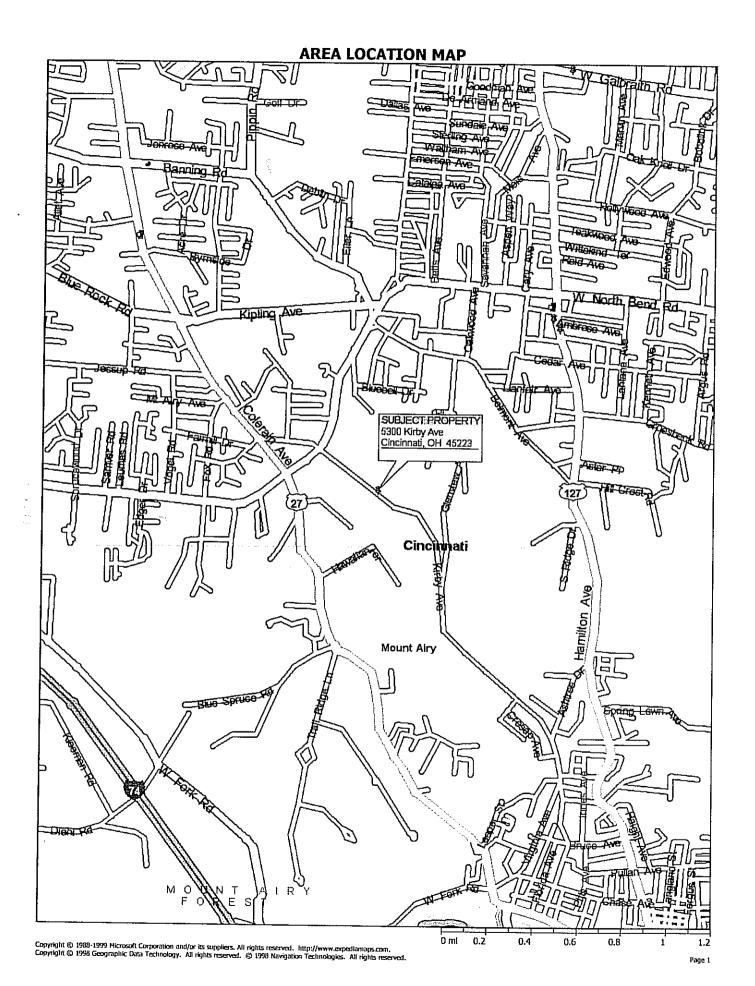
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Appraiser

## **CONTINGENT AND LIMITING CONDITIONS**

9. On all appraisals, subject to satisfactory completion, repairs, or alterations, the appraisal report and value conclusion are contingent upon completion of the improvements in a workmanlike manner.

**ENVIRONMENTAL DISCLAIMER:** The value estimated is based on the assumption that the property is not negatively affected by the existence of hazardous substances or detrimental environmental conditions unless otherwise stated in this report. The Appraiser is not an expert in the identification of hazardous substances or detrimental environmental conditions. The appraiser's routine inspection of and inquiries about the subject property did not develop any information that indicated any apparent significant hazardous substances or detrimental environmental conditions, which would affect the property negatively unless otherwise stated in this report. It is possible that tests and inspections made by a qualified hazardous substance and environmental expert would reveal the existence of hazardous substances or detrimental conditions on or around the property that would negatively affect its value.



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## **DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT GREATER SITE**

The subject site fronts 624+/- feet on the north right of way for Kirby Avenue, thence runs approximately 1,036 feet in a general north direction to the north boundary which measures 633+/- feet.

The legal boundaries of the subject confine an area of 671,390+/- square feet (15.413+/- acres).

The site is heavily wooded with exception to the primary building site, which has been cleared.

## Topography

The topography is highly irregular with grade variations of approximately 75+/- feet. The topography slopes upward from Kirby Avenue in a general north direction approximately 75 feet to a plateau, then level for approximately 150 feet, at which point the grade slopes sharply downward to the rear lot boundary.

## **Site Configuration**

As shown on the enclosed plat, the configuration of the subject site is rectangular.

## Streetscape

Kirby Avenue is a secondary north/south arterial roadway with a 60-foot right of way. The road surfaces are macadam paved. There are no curbs or sidewalks along the subject frontage.

## **Utilities**

City water and electric service is available to the site.

## **DESCRIPTION OF ACREAGE UNDER APPRAISEMENT**

A description of the greater subject parcel has been previously provided.

The 14.065 acres, which are the subject of this valuation, are the hillside woodlands surrounding the primary (plateau) building site allocated at 1.35+/- acres.

## **LAND VALUATION**

The valuation of the land has been based on the Sales Comparison Approach. In the Sales Comparison method, the data regarding the sales of properties was gathered in the area, or similar market areas, of the subject property. The sales were analyzed in an effort to establish similarities between the property being appraised, value trends and characteristics as indicated by transactions in the open market.

This is basically a comparative technique. Reliable information concerning the area, market conditions and other pertinent data was obtained from creditable sources such as real estate brokers, developers, investors and lenders in the area. Factors analyzed were date of sale, size, location, accessibility, frontage utilities, zoning and highest and best use. These influences were given consideration in comparing each of the market sales to the subject property.

The following sales are considered to have utility similar to the subject site. It is this appraiser's opinion that these sales, as adjusted for dissimilarities, offer a good indication of value for the subject land value estimate. The unit of comparison shall be the **SALE PRICE PER ACRE.** 

## **ANALYSIS AND CORRELATION**

## **COMPARABLE UNIMPROVED LAND SALE NO. 3**

The subject lands are very similar to this comparable, with exception to the severity of topography restraints, however, the appraiser concludes that the subject's far superior road frontage is an offsetting influence.

## SALE PRICE PER ACRE = \$7,095.00

## **OVERALL RATING TO THE SUBJECT**

## **COMPARABLE**

## **RECAPITULATION OF THE SALES COMPARISON APPROACH**

Comparable Sale No.	Sale Price Per Acre	Overall Rating  To the Subject Value
1	\$ 10,983.00	Superior
2	\$ 10,242.00	Superior
3	\$ 7,095.00	Comparable

## **APPRAISER'S QUALIFICATIONS**

## **GENE F. MANION**

Certified General Real Estate Appraiser, State of Ohio, Certificate No. 383256 Ohio Department of Transportation Pre-Qualified Code No. 081120

EDUCATION:					
1958	liniversity /	of Cincinnati B.B.A. Degree			
1955-56	University	of Cincinnati Real Estate Appreciate			
1965	Michigan St	y of Cincinnati - Real Estate Appraising			
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		Cincinnati, Ohio 45238			
EXPERIENCE:	1961-63	Staff Appraiser, Department of Urban			
		Renewal, Cincinnati, Ohio			
	1964-69	Staff, Commercial Real Estate Appraiser			
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		Cincinnati, Ohio			
	1969-71	Staff, Commercial Real Estate Appraiser			
		Kentucky Mortgage Co., Cincinnati, Ohio			
	1971-78	Staff, Commercial Real Estate Appraiser			
		Mellon Nat'l. Mortgage Company of Ohio,			
		Cincinnati, Ohio			
	1978 to	Self-employed D.B.A. Gene F. Manion,			
	Present	Real Property Appraiser			

# APPRAISER DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

	In compliance with Ohio Revised Code Section 4/63.12 (C)			
1.	Name of Appraiser: GENE F. MANION			
2.	Class of Certification/Licensure:			
	x_Certified GeneralCertified ResidentialLicensed ResidentialTemporaryGeneralLicensed			
<u> </u>	Certification/Licensure Number: 383256			
3.	Scope: This reportxis within the scope of my Certification/License is not within the scope of my Certification/License			
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Mr. Jack Sutton, Director Hamilton County Park District 10245 Winton Road Cincinnati, Ohio 45231

Dear Mr. Sutton:

This letter is sent to confirm that the Cincinnati Park Board has agreed to partner with the Hamilton County Park District in applying for funding through the Clean Ohio Conservation program to acquire the Hensley Property, adjacent to our Fox Preserve in College Hill. The acquisition of this property will link the Fox Preserve with another park preserve, the Bradford-Felters Tanglewood, filling a gap in the greenway system in this area. The Cincinnati Park Board appreciates the Park District's offer to prepare and coordinate the application and to fund the local matching funds for the acquisition. Once the property is acquired, if it is deeded over to the City of Cincinnati, the Park Board would maintain it as a park preserve, and we would grant the Hamilton County Park District a Conservation Easement, assuring that the property would only be used as a park preserve.

This is another great example of how our two park systems can partner together for the benefit of the region. If you have any questions, please call me at 352-4079.

Sincerely,

Willie F. Carden, Vi

Director of Parks

Cc: Mayor Charlie Luken

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# HAMILTON COUNTY PARK DISTRICT 10245 Winton Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45231

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DATE:	February 25, 2003	FAX NO.	(513) 946-4330
TO:	Cindy Weltlauf, Grants Administrator	PAGES:	15
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FROM:	Ross Hamre, Planning Director	PHONE	(513) 946-4400

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As required by the Clean Ohio Conservation Program Grant Application. Ohio Revised Code Sec. 164.23, the Hamilton County Park District is consulting with Hamilton County regarding the following projects:

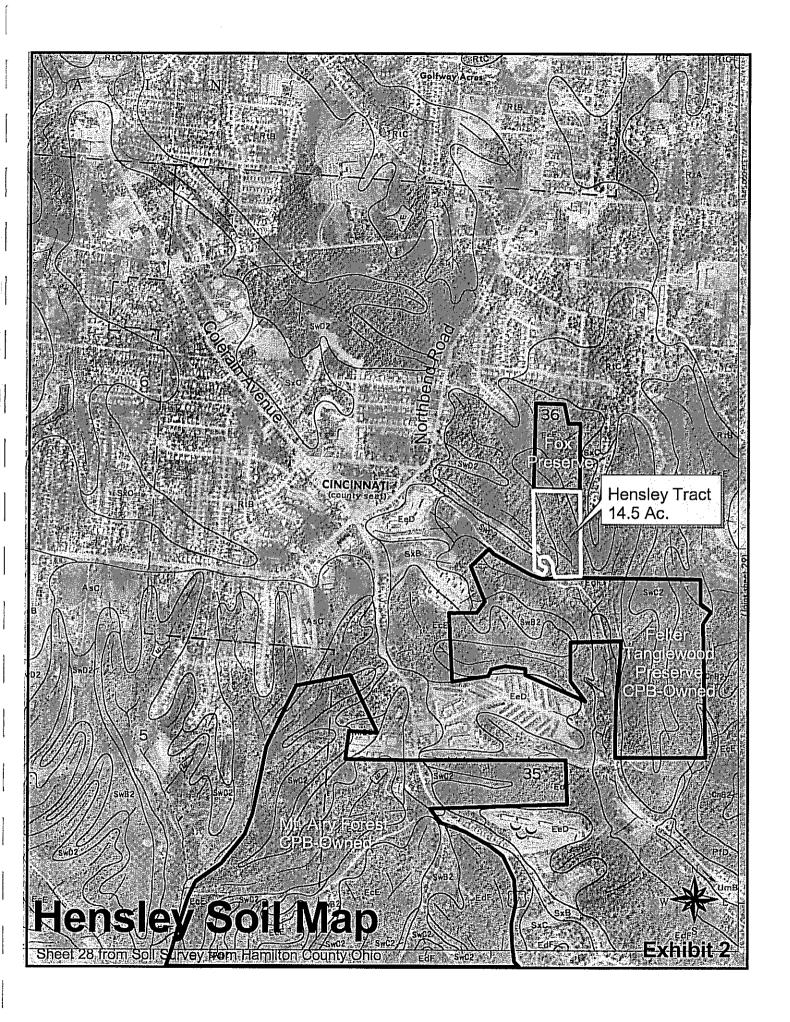
- Hensley Tract acquisition
- Agape Tract acquisition
- Elstun Road Tract Acquisition
- Roell Tract Acquisition

(See attached project information describing each of the above projects)

## No funds from Hamilton County are involved in these projects.

Please respond to this fax indicating you have received this information and acknowledge these applications.

Should you have any questions, please contact Ross Hamre, Planning Director at 728-3551, ext. 256.





# Cincinnati Park Board Land Management Handbook



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# Cincinnati Park Board Land Management Handbook

The four Basic Principles of the Division of Operations and Land Management of the Parks Department are:

# Safe Clean Reliable Environmental

## CINCINNATI PARK BOARD

## LAND MANAGEMENT STANDARDS

## PARK AREA CLASSIFICATION – DEFINITIONS

- Class A1 High traffic urban areas, public squares, malls, high visitation parks or parks features, high quality diverse landscape, state of the art maintenance applied.
- Class A2 Parkways and well-developed park areas of regional impact with high visitation, special features, diverse landscape and floral accents. High level of maintenance throughout with Class maintenance applied to specific features.
- Class A3 Developed park areas of neighborhood impact with moderate visitation levels and parkways areas, which may or may not contain landscape or floral features. Constant maintenance level throughout approaching Class B standards for specific features.
- Class E Park areas set aside usually to reduce maintenance or increase wildlife diversity. Visitation to these areas can range from moderate high, usually by nature enthusiasts, hikers, science classes, and Nature Education groups. Maintenance will range from periodic mowing, nonnative removal to litter pick-up and trail maintenance. Some of these areas also receive special types of management to enhance biodiversity. Wetlands:

Areas with standing water or wet soil conditions through most of the year. Visitation is described in Class E. Maintenance consists of non-native removal and trail maintenance needed per site inspections. Management to increase biodiversity and accessibility is also performed during areas development. Riparian Zones:

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River and stream corridors with median to high visitation. Maintenance usually low consisting of litter pick-up and non-native removal as needed.

Habitat Enhancement Areas:

Park areas where management and maintenance is geared toward increasing biodiversity. Visitation ranges from median to high, and is mostly hikers and nature enthusiasts. Maintenance is usually litter pick-up, non-native removal and up keep of trails.

Park areas with usually low visitation. Maintenance is seasonal mowing, either spring or

No Mow/Successional:

Park areas left to return to woodland by natural succession, and sometimes supplemental planting. Visiting is usually low. Maintenance is periodic non-native removal, other maintenance determined by on-site inspection or complaints.

## 17. Trail Maintenance

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All trails maintained per designated trail classification for specific site

## **CLASS E**

## 1. Non-Native Removal

- A. Honeysuckle: Usually on a three-year rotation, before new shrubs begin producing fruit. Shrubs should be cut as close to the ground as possible. Stump sprayed with 20% Round-Up solution within 15 minutes after cutting. Brush close to road should be chipped, brush in meadows can be piled near the edge of the woods, and brush cut from wooded areas can be left scattered.
- B. Garlic Mustard: Removed yearly as needed. When in flower, plant in hand pulled, with care taken to get roots. Plants must then be bagged and removed from site. First year plants can be sprayed with 2% Round-Up solution in early spring or fall if no native plants are present. Round-Up method should only be used by trained personnel (florist, natural resources crew), due to possibility of harming native plants.
- C. English Ivy, Wintercreeper, and Vinca: Removed as needed per site. These plants need to be hand pulled, bagged, and removed from site. The plants normally do not respond to Round-Up applications.

## 2. Weeding

Determined by site, per Greenspace Manager. Wildflower and prairie plantings need various weed species removed for the first three years.

## 3. Prescribed Burns

Areas to be burned are rotated on three to five year basis after they are established. New plantings are burned yearly for the first three years. Greenspace Manager will determine area, timing, and be responsible for the burn.

## 4. Seasonal Mowing

Either an early spring or late fall mowing is performed on meadows and some wildlife enhancement areas. A mowing schedule will be determined and sent to District Crew Leaders, describing areas to be cut that year and their timing. Fall mowing should not start before the first week in November. Spring mowing should start in mid to late February but must not continue beyond late March. If weather conditions prohibit this timing, the Greenspace Manager should be consulted for further instruction. Mowing height is 6" or more, lower heights will damage plants.

## 5. Litter Control

Crews should inspect and remove litter during the regular maintenance cycle for that park.

## 6. Trail Maintenance

Performed as needed per site inspection or complaints. Trails through meadows should be mowed weekly.

## 15. Furnishings

Maintained and repaired as needed.

## 16. Tree Maintenance

Per designated classification for specific site.

## 17. Trail Maintenance

per designated classification for specific site.

## CLASS F2

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Forest/Undeveloped open space and natural areas of low visitation, hillside preservation sites, protective "buffer" lands. Maintained provided only on an "as needed" basis per periodic site inspection or complaints received.

## 1. Turf

Not mowed.

## 2. Fertilizer

None.

## 3. Irrigation

None.

## 4. Litter Control

On demand or complaint or program basis.

## 5. Pruning

Not unless safety is involved.

## 6. Disease and Insect Control

None except in epidemic or safety situations.

## 7. Snow Removal

Only on strategic roads and parking lots.

## 8. Lighting

Replaced on complaint or program basis.

## 9. Surfaces

Serviced only when safety is concerned.

## 10. Repairs

Should be done when safety or function is in question.

## 11. Inspections

Once per month.

## 12. Floral Plantings None.

thatch accumulation. A welcome sight to many turfgrass superintendents is the many roots that often can be found growing down the aerification holes. This practice can yield great benefits at small costs.

## ENVIRONMENTAL PRACTICES

Parks and recreation agencies have always been in the forefront in efforts to protect the environment. In the communities we serve, we have often been the first to institute environmental practices setting an example for others to follow. There are three obvious reasons parks and recreation agencies have been placed in this leadership role since the early days of environmental concern.

First, it is the role of most parks and recreation agencies to preserve open space, provide natural surroundings for recreation and contemplation and to teach people wise stewardship of their natural surroundings. Environmental protection was always part of our mission. In fact, it can be said that parks and recreation agencies were the environmental movement before it ever became recognized as a "movement." As concern for these issues became stronger in our communities, we were often first to incorporate them into our practices.

Second, because we are perceived as the community provider of greenspace and natural surroundings, our public demands responsible environmental practices. We are often held to a much higher standard for environmental protection because pollution and other environmental degradation is so inconsistent with the vision that the public has for us. Poor environmental practices in a park setting is magnified.

The third reason we have become leaders in the environmental movement has to do with money. Most parks and recreation agencies have a long history of having to do more with less. There is never enough funding to do what we have to and, in lean times it gets even worse. Downsizing vehicles, lowering thermostats, using alternative fuels, and minimizing waste are all examples of things many of us have done to save money. We must constantly be looking for ways to be more efficient and to lower our costs. Many of these efforts provide significant environmental benefit as well. Environmentally sound practices are often much less costly. Much of the time, the two go hand in hand.

So, using sound environmental practices are part of our basic job, the public demands it and it can save money. Are we doing all that we can? Are we doing enough? How do we know? It can be argued that protecting the environment is a neverending effort. We are never doing enough and there is always room for improvement. As leaders on this issue, it is important to at least know where we are in the effort and what can be done in the future. A useful tool in this regard is an environmental assessment.

## Environmental Assessment

An environmental assessment is a complete evaluation of current operations and practices that impact the environment in terms of waste and pollution and consumption of natural resources. It also includes the identification of technically and economically feasible opportunities to reduce these impacts. This assessment process has been used in the private sector with great success in reducing toxic and hazardous wastes, pollution and emissions and overall increased awareness of pollution prevention. If we look closely, the public sector does not differ much from the private sector (particularly service-oriented businesses) in terms of resources use and environmental impact.

public relations, improved health and safety, improved employee morale, and reduced liability. Be sure to factor them into your analysis.

## Implementation Phase:

Selection options for improvement that have passed the feasibility analysis. Some will be more feasible than others. Organize them in order of priority according to a method that fits your situation. It is usually best to list the easiest, least expensive options that reap the greatest returns first. It is also useful to establish a record keeping process to monitor results of improvement. Setting goals with reasonable schedules and monitoring progress are all important components of this phase.

Using this common sense approach to assessing and improving environmental practice in your agency will result in significant benefits.

Reduced Operating Cost Environmentally sound practices are often less costly

## Overall Improvement in Environmental Quality

We are perceived as leaders in environmental protection and must embrace our leadership responsibilities setting an example for other to follow.

## Improved Employee Health, Safety and Morale

Environmentally sound materials are less toxic and, therefore, safe for employees to use. This results in fewer injuries, healthier employees and higher morale. Demonstrating respect for the natural environment and employees help create a work environment employees are proud of.

## **Enhanced Public Image**

Good environmental practice is good management. It is cleaner, safer and often less costly; it is the way good organizations are run. Be sure to let people know about your success. Don't overlook the value of promoting the positive practices you use to help prevent environmental degradation and conserve natural resources.

## Crime Prevention.

The social problem is one that we have absolutely no control over, but it remains the main justification for security systems and is the most obvious reason to have the proper standards of security designed in our park systems. All security systems are designed to prevent crime from occurring. Limit the opportunity for a crime to be committed and provide some type of notification system in the event of a crime. For the purpose of this discussion, this paragraph entitled. "Crime Prevention" will refer to those major category crimes such as murder, rape, assault, arson, drugs, robbery and theft, and, unfortunately, there are few measures that can be taken to prevent serious crimes. The one major crime mentioned here that occurs most frequently in the park and recreation field is theft; theft may also be the only major category crime that can be successfully deterred and controlled by use of proper control procedures and the correct level of security. Because it is a crime against property, theft is more fully discussed as the main focus of "Resource Protection," later in the monograph.

## Vandalism Reduction.

Vandalism is one of the most frequent crimes committed within park and recreation department, and one of the most costly. Vandalism is separated from major category crime not only because it is less serious in nature but also because it occurs so frequently that it has become a major consideration in most maintenance program's repair and replacement effort, beyond that of normal wear and tear. This is not to imply that the desecrated Indian cave painting of the Grand Canyon or the famous "graffiti-festooned" subways of New York City are not serious crimes, but the majority of the acts of vandalism impacting park maintenance programs are expressed as "minor or nuisance damage to park property," when viewed or reported on an individual basis. Damage can range from breaking out all the windows in a community center to painting graffiti on the walls of a restroom, from removing the shingles from a park shelter to carving initials in an old tree along a trail.

Vandalism, although recognized as less serious than the major crimes mentioned under Crime Prevention, has a serious, disruptive and costly impact on any Park system. This impact is always demonstrated in terms of both monetary cost and social cost. Monetary costs are primarily reflected in the funds required for materials or supplies, human resources or contractual services and equipment that must be directed toward the damage repair. Secondary monetary costs, that often exceed repair costs, are reflected in the loss of revenue caused by the disruption or cancellation of programs and activities. Social cost associated with vandalism are very difficult to measure, but in areas of frequent vandalism, the psychological impact on both the park staff and patrons manifests itself in the low staff morale and diminished patron participation at park facilities where programs and normal park activities are disrupted by vandalism. Security systems and sound park design principles have proven to be effective deterrents to vandalism, when combined with sound management practices, staff awareness and solid community support.

## Personnel and Public Safety

The most important responsibility of any park department is to provide a safe environment for its employees to work, and a safe park system security, for it patrons to enjoy. Security, by definition, is the "quality or state of being secure, free from danger, fear or anxiety". All security systems are designed with both people and resource protection in mind, but there are certain additional security measures that are appropriate to use to provide higher levels of protection when activities warrant or situations dictate.

the plant. Spring flowering trees and shrubs should be pruned immediately after flowering. Such plants include forsythia, spirea, azaleas, dogwoods, cherries, plums and some Asiatic hollies. These plants set their flower buds in late summer and early fall on the previous season's growth. Pruning during the dormant season will remove buds and reduce flowering. Trees and shrubs that flower from summer through fall develop their flower buds on new shoots (current season's growth). These plants, which include crapemyrtle, hibiscus, althea, hydrangea, vitex and American hollies, should be pruned when dormant. Pruning during the semmer will remove flower buds.

Rejuvenation pruning: Some shrubs can be rejuvenated by cutting the entire plant down to 6-12 inches from the ground. This is often the best choice if the plant is old or severely overgrown. Rejuvenation may also be done more gradually over a three-year period with 1/3 of the old growth removed each year. Shrubs that respond well to rejuvenation include forsythia, azalea, hollies, privet barberries, crapemyrtles and photinia. Junipers cannot be rejuvenated. Small diameter (1/2to3/4 inch) trees such as most maples and oaks can be pruned at the soil line to develop a new straight leader if the tops are not tree form or straight. Other trees such as dogwoods have a high mortality when this is done. The general rule is that trees that form suckers readily can be cut back. This should be done early in the season just before buds begin to swell. After several new water sprouts develop, prune back to the one most vigorous shoot or development of a single leader tree or to 3 to 5 shoots for multi-stem trees.

Pruning for vehicular and pedestrian traffic: Branches over streets should be pruned to a height of 14 feet to reduce interference with vehicles, while branches over sidewalks should be maintained at 8 feet to prevent obstruction of pedestrians as they use sidewalks.

Pruning large trees: Pruning of large trees requires special equipment such as a bucket truck or use of climbing ropes and climbing gear. These pruning jobs generally require personnel familiar with climbing and specialized equipment. Many large trees are deformed through improper pruning or topping. Climbing spurs induce damage to trees and should only be used for "take down" operations.

Removal of large limbs, 2" or more, often requires a triple-cut technique. The first cut is a shallow cut of 1/4 to 1/3 of the diameter and made on the underside of the limb. Approximately 6" from tree trunk. The second cut is made 2" further out on the topside causing the branch to break away. This prevents tearing the bark on the tree, which occurs if one cut is made. A third cut is required to remove the stub. This cut should be made in front of the branch collar where the limb joins the tree rather than flush with the truck. This procedure eliminates the need for shaping or tracing the wound and does not require that the wound be enlarged after pruning. If done properly, callus will form in an even circle to close the wound. The common application of an asphalt emulsion to a pruning wound is of no value in preventing decay and is no longer recommended. Proper pruning of trees and shrubs should be started early and continued when necessary throughout the life of the plant.

## Maintenance of woodlands

Maintenance of woodland requires selective thinning by removing the least desirable trees. Thus improving the aesthetic value of the remaining plants and the entire woodland. Limbing up and removal of dead branched improves the visibility into the woodland. Some low-story trees, such as dogwoods on the edge of a woodland, are more natural with their lower branches intact.



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Dear Mr. Sutton,

Your request for financial assistance from the Ohio Public Works Commission has been approved for the project entitled **Hensley Tract Acquisition** in the amount of \$ 69,384. This **Grant** has been assigned project number **CBBAB**. Please use this number when calling or writing our office.

The enclosed Project Agreement defines **Hamilton County Park District**'s responsibilities in accepting this financial assistance. Please review it carefully to ensure that the project has been accurately described and defined throughout the agreement's appendices. If any errors are found, or if any information needs to be updated, please contact us immediately.

Please execute the Project Agreement by signing both copies. You must return one fully executed copy to the Commission within forty-five (45) days, and retain the other for your files. This project may not proceed with acquisition, construction or purchase of materials, until you have completed the following; 1) returned one executed copy of the agreement to OPWC, 2) prepared and sent to OPWC a "Request to Proceed" 3) received approval from OPWC on your "Request to Proceed"

The Project Manager and Chief Financial Officer named in the agreement will each receive a separate mailing that explains their respective duties regarding project implementation. The Project Manager has also received a reference copy of the enclosed Project Agreement for their records. All of our project management related documents for the Clean Ohio Program are located at our Web page at <a href="www.pwc.state.oh.us">www.pwc.state.oh.us</a>. Once there, click on the link titled "Clean Ohio Program".

If you have any questions about any aspect of the program, please do not hesitate to call your Program Representative, Rob White, at 614/752-9344.

Sincerely,

W. Laurence Bicking

Director

cc: District Committee